

A' line 4, sender means in the form of a sender unit 6 is connected between conductors 10 and 12 at terminals 14 and 16 and at the receiver end of line 4 is connected receiver means in the form of a receiver unit 8 at terminals 18 and 20. Alternatively the sender unit 6 can be connected across line 4 at a pillar or pit. Receiver unit 8 is used to display test results on line 4 and to remotely control the sender unit 6. Additionally a probe unit is used for identification of a pair of conductors of the line, to be described later. The apparatus 2 is able to connect and disconnect a short-circuit (strap). While the line 4 is short-circuited, the apparatus 2 may decode signals transmitted from receiver unit 8 to sender unit 6.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 10, 19 and 24 with the following rewritten claims:

- A2
1. (Amended) Apparatus for remotely measuring characteristics of a communications line comprising:
- receiver means for connection to a remote end of the communications line;
- sender means for connection to the other end of the communications line;
- said receiver means generating a signal in response to a selection of one of a plurality of characteristics of said line to be measured;
- said signal uniquely representing said selected characteristic;
- said signal being transmitted along the communications line toward the sender means;
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